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SUBJECT: EFFORTS TO REMOVE U.S. QUOTA ON PHILIPPINE

ABACA PRODUCTS

1. PRESIDENT OF TUBBS CORDAGE, ROBERT S. GREENWOOD, HAS INFORMED US OF HIS COMPANY'S EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE U.S. QUOTA ON IMPORTS OF PHILIPPINE ABACA YARN FOR PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 31, 1973 (WHEN LAUREL-LANGLEY TARIFF PREFERENCE ENDS) TO JULY 3, 1974 (WHEN LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT, AND QUOTA, END). ACCORDING TO GREENWOOD, LEGISLATION LIFTING QUOTA WILL BE INTRODUCED SOON BY REP. WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD (CALIF.), WHO REPORTEDLY HAS TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF CHAIRMAN MILLS. BASIS FOR GREENWOOD'S ACTIONS INCLUDE: A) INDUSTRY NEEDS AND B) DESIRE TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PHILIPPINES.

2. GREENWOOD FORESEES NO OPPOSITION FROM U.S. CORDAGE INDUSTRY ON REMOVING QUOTA ON YARN. HE CLAIMS MOST ROPE MANUFACTURERS WOULD PREFER IMPORT YARN RATHER THAN RAW ABACA FIBER INASMUCH AS PROCESSING OF FIBER INTO YARN IS EXPENSIVE. MOREOVER, HE BELIEVES THERE WOULD BE LITTLE OR NO OPPOSITION AT PRESENT TIME TO ELIMINATING QUOTA ON

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CORD AS WELL, GIVEN CURRENT TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION FOR

ABACA.

3. GREENWOOD HAS BRIEFED FINSEC VIRATA AND MARIO LAGDAMEO
OF PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF HIS PLANS.

4. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, TUBBS CORDAGE HAS OWNED 100
PERCENT OF MANILA CORDAGE COMPANY SINCE AROUND 1920.
#923;34, TUBBS IS IN PROCESS OF SELLING 60 PERCENT INTEREST
IN MANILA CORDAGE TO PHILIPPINE GROUP AND EXPECTS DEAL TO
BE FINALIZED NEXT WEEK. PROCEEDS FROM SALE WOULD BE
REPATRIATED TO U.S.
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